

**SEC. 816. CARETAKER EXEMPTION.**

Section 6(d)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "A State that requested a waiver to lower the age specified in subparagraph (B) and had the waiver denied by the Secretary as of August 1, 1996, may, for a period of not more than 3 years, lower the age of a dependent child that qualifies a parent or other member of a household for an exemption under subparagraph (B) to between 1 and 6 years of age."

**SEC. 817. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(d)(4) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking "(4)(A) Not later than April 1, 1987, each" and inserting the following:

"(4) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—

(2) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by inserting "work," after "skills, training,"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(ii) STATEWIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM.—Each component of an employment and training program carried out under this paragraph shall be delivered through a statewide workforce development system, unless the component is not available locally through such a system."

(3) in subparagraph (B)—

(1) striking the colon at the end and inserting the following: ". except that the State agency shall retain the option to apply employment requirements prescribed under this subparagraph to a program applicant at the time of application";

(2) in clause (i), by striking "with terms and conditions"

and all that follows through "time of application"; and

(3) in clause (iv)—

(i) by striking subclauses (I) and (II); and

(ii) by redesignating subclauses (III) and (IV) as

subclauses (I) and (II), respectively;

(4) in subparagraph (D)—

(1) in clause (i), by striking "to which the application"

and all that follows through "30 days or less";

(2) in clause (ii), by striking "but with respect" and

all that follows through "child care"; and

(3) in clause (in), by striking ", on the basis of" and

all that follows through "clause (ii)" and inserting "the exemption continues to be valid";

(7) in subparagraph (E), by striking the third  
sentence;  
(8) in subparagraph (G) ~~by striking~~ ~~the~~ ~~third~~ ~~sentence~~;  
(9) by striking "(G)(i) The State" and  
inserting "(G)  
The State"; and  
(10) by striking clause (ii);  
(11) in subparagraph (H), by striking "(H)(i) The  
Secretary"  
and all that follows through "(ii) Federal funds" and inserting:  
"(H) Federal funds";  
(12) in subparagraph (I)(i) ~~(II)~~, by striking ", or  
was in oper-  
ation," and all that follows through "Social Security Act" and